

Are Men Who Take These Oaths Loyal Citizens?

The oath of the Priest is to be found in the Pontifical Romanum.
The Bishop's oath is found in the Pontifical Romanum, a book on rites and ceremonies issued by order of Clement VIII. and Urban VIII. The form of this oath is to be found in the edition published in Munich in 1885. In this book the pope says: "We command this our Pontifical, so restored and reformed, to be received and observed in all churches of the whole world; desiring that aforesaid Pontifical must never, at any time, be altered in whole or in part, nor anything at all be added to, or detracted from the same."

When a Roman Catholic paper publishes some other form of Bishop's oath, you may know that that paper may feel some Papist, but not you, my reader.

The Jesuit oath is to be found in the Liturgical Manuals for Jesuits and Friars. The Layman's oath is familiar, and contains the Nicene creed.

THE JESUITICAL OATH.

I, _____, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the holy apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and all the Saints, sacred host of Heaven, and to you, my Ghostly Father, the superior general of the society of Jesus, founded by St. Ignatius Loyola, in the pontification of Paul the III., and continued to the present, do by the womb of the Virgin, the matrix of God, and the rod of Jesus Christ, declare and swear, that his Holiness, the Pope, is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the Catholic or Universal Church throughout the earth; and that by virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given his Holiness by our Savior, Jesus Christ, he hath power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, and they may be safely destroyed. Therefore, to the utmost of my power, I will defend this doctrine and his Holiness' right and custom against all usurpers of the heretical or Protestant authority whatever, especially the Lutherans (Church of Germany, Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and the now pretended authority and Churches of England and Scotland, and the branches of the same now established in Ireland, and on the continent of America and elsewhere and all adherents in regard that they may be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred Mother Church of Rome.

I do now denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any heretical king, prince or state, named Protestant or Liberal, or obedience to any of their laws, magistrates or officers.

I do further declare that the doctrine of the Churches of England and Scotland, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and others of the name of Protestants or Liberals, to be damnable, and they themselves to be damned, who will not forsake the same.

I do further declare, that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his Holiness' agents, in any place where I should be, in Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Ireland or America, or in any other kingdom or territory I shall come to, and do my utmost to extirpate the heretical Protestants or Liberal doctrines, and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise.

I do further promise and declare that notwithstanding I am dispensed with to assume any religion heretical for the propagation of the Mother Church's interest; to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels from time to time, as they entrust me, and not divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances, whatever, but to execute all that should be proposed, given in charge, or discovered unto me, by you my Ghostly Father, or any of this sacred convent.

I do further promise and declare that I will have no opinion or will of my own or any mental reservation whatsoever, even as a corpse or cadaver (perinde ac cadaver), but will unhesitatingly obey each and every command that I may receive from my superiors in the militia of the Pope and of Jesus Christ.

That I will go to any part of the world whithersoever I may be sent, to the frozen regions of the North, to the burning sands of the desert of Africa, or the jungles of India, to the centers of civilization of Europe, or to the wild haunts of the barbarous savages of America without murmuring or repining, and will be submissive in all things whatsoever is communicated to me.

I do further promise and declare that I will, when opportunity presents, make and wage relentless war, secretly and openly, against all heretics, Protestants and Liberals, as I am directed to do, to extirpate them from the face of the whole earth; and that I will spare neither age, sex or condition, and that I will hang, burn, waste, boil, fry, strangle, and bury alive these infamous heretics; rip up the stomachs and wombs of their women, and crush their infants' heads against the walls in order to annihilate their execrable race. That when the same cannot be done openly, I will secretly use the poisonous cup, the strangulation cord, the steel of the poniard, or the leaden bullet, regardless of the honor, rank, dignity or authority of the persons, whatever may be their condition in life, either public or private, as I at any time may be directed to do, by any agent of the Pope, or Superior of the Brotherhood of the Holy Father of the Society of Jesus.

In confirmation of which I hereby dedicate my life, soul, and all con-

oral powers, and with the dagger which I now receive I will subscribe my name written in my blood, in testimony thereof; and should I prove false or unfaithful in my determination, may my brothers and fellow soldiers of the militia of the Pope cut off my hands and feet and my throat from ear to ear, my belly opened and sulphur burned therein with all the punishment that can be inflicted upon me on earth and my soul shall be tortured by demons in eternal hell forever.

All of which I, _____, do swear by the blessed Trinity and blessed sacrament which I am now to receive, to perform and on my part to keep this oath.

In testimony hereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further, with my own name written with the point of this dagger, dipped in my own blood, and seal, in the face of his holy Sacrament.

THE CARDINAL'S OATH.

I, _____, Cardinal of the Holy Roman Church, do promise and swear that, from this time to the end of my life, I will be faithful and obedient unto St. Peter, the holy apostle Roman Church, and our most Holy Lord, the Pope of Rome, and his successors, canonically and lawfully elected; that I will give no advice, counsel or assistance against the pontifical majesty and person; that I will never knowingly and advisedly, to their injury or disgrace, make public the counsels entrusted to me by themselves, or by messengers or letters; also, that I will give them any assistance in retaining, defending and recovering the Roman Papacy and the recalls of Peter, with all my might and endeavor, so far as the rights and privileges of my order will allow it, and will defend them against all their honor and state, and I will direct and defend, with due form and honor, the legates and nuncios of the apostolic see, in territories, churches, monasteries and other benefices committed to my keeping; and I will cordially co-operate with them and treat them with honor in their combining, aiding and returning, and that I will resist unto blood all persons whatsoever, who shall attempt anything against them. That I will by every way and by every means strive to preserve, augment and advance the rights, honors, privileges, the authority of the Holy Roman Church, our Lord the Pope and his before-mentioned successors; and that, at whatever time anything shall be decided to their prejudice, which is out of my power to hinder as soon as I shall know that any steps or measures have been taken in the matter, I will make it known to the same our Lord or his successors, or some other person by whose means it may be brought to their knowledge. That I will keep and carry out, and cause others to keep and carry out, the rules of the Holy Father, the decrees, ordinances, dispensations, reservations, provisions, apostolic mandates and constitutions of the Holy Father Sixtus, of happy memory, as to visiting the thresholds of the apostles at certain prescribed times, according to the tenor of that which I have just read through. That I will seek out and expose, persecute and hunt (consequi) persecutorem et impugnatum) against heretics and schismatics who oppose our Lord, the Pope of Rome, and his heretofore mentioned successors, and this I will do with every possible effort.

(Signature), then sent to the Pope.

(Found in the Pontifical Romanum for the secular Clergy.)

A BISHOP'S OATH.

I, _____, elect of the _____ Diocese, from henceforward will be faithful and obedient to St. Peter the apostle and the Holy Roman Church and to our Lord, the Holy Pope of Rome, and to his successors, canonically elected; I will neither advise, consent nor do anything that they may lose life or member, or that their persons may be seized, or hands in any wise laid upon them, or any injuries offered to them, under any pretense whatsoever. The counsel with which they shall entrust me by themselves, their messengers or letters, I will not knowingly reveal to any, to their prejudice. I will help them to defend and keep Roman Papacy and the royalties of St. Peter against all men. The legate of the apostolic see going and coming, I will honorably treat and help in his necessities. The rights, honors, privileges and authority of the Holy Roman Church, of our Lord the Pope, and his aforesaid successors, I will endeavor to preserve, defend, increase and advance. I will not in any counsel, action or treaty in which shall be plotted against our said Lord and Roman Church anything to the hurt or prejudice of their persons, rights, honor, state or power, and I know any such thing to be treated or agitated by any whatsoever, I will hinder it to my utmost, and as soon as I can I will signify it to our said Lord. The ordinance and mandates of the Pope I will observe with all my might, and cause to be observed by others.

"Heretics, schismatics and rebels to our said Lord or his successors, I will to my utmost PERSECUTE AND OPPOSE."

PRIEST'S OATH.

I, _____, now in the presence of Almighty God, the blessed Virgin Mary, the blessed Michael the Archangel, the blessed St. John the Baptist, the Holy Apostles, St. Peter and St. Paul, and the Saints and the Sacred Host of Heaven, and to you my Lord, I do declare from my heart, without mental reservation, that the Pope is Christ's vicar-general and is the true and only head of the Universal Church throughout the earth, and that, by

virtue of the keys of binding and loosing given to his Holiness by Jesus Christ, he has power to depose heretical kings, princes, states, commonwealths and governments, all being illegal without his sacred confirmation, and that they may safely be destroyed. Therefore, in the utmost of my power, I will defend the doctrine and his Holiness' rights and customs against all usurpers of the Protestant authority whatsoever, especially against the now pretended authority and church in England and all adherents, in regard that they be usurped and heretical, opposing the sacred Mother Church of Rome.

"I do denounce and disown any allegiance as due to any Protestant king, prince or state, or obedience to any of their inferior officers. I do further declare the doctrine of the Church of England, of the Calvinists, Huguenots and other Protestants to be damnable, and those to be damned who will not forsake the same."

"I do further declare that I will help, assist and advise all or any of his Holiness' agents in any place wherever I shall be, and do my utmost to extirpate the Protestant doctrine, and to destroy all their pretended powers, legal or otherwise. I do further promise and declare that, notwithstanding I may be permitted by dispensation to assume any heretical religion (Protestant denominations) for the propagation of the Mother Church's interest, to keep secret and private all her agents' counsels as they entrust me, and not to divulge, directly or indirectly, by word, writing or circumstances whatsoever, but to execute all which shall be proposed, given in charge or discovered unto me by you, my most Reverend Lord and Bishop."

"All of which, I, _____, do swear by the blessed Trinity and Sacrament which I am about to receive, to perform on my part, to keep inviolably, and do call on all the Heavenly and Glorious Host of Heaven to witness my real intentions to keep this my OATH."

"In testimony whereof, I take this most holy and blessed Sacrament of the Eucharist, and witness the same further with my consecrated hand, in the presence of my holy bishop and all the priests who assist him in my ordination to priesthood."

LAYMAN'S OATH.

(The creed with which this oath begins is omitted.)

I most steadfastly admit the Apostolic and Ecclesiastical traditions and all other observances and constitutions of the Church.

I also admit the holy scripture, according to that sense which our holy Mother, the Church, hath held and doth hold, to whom it belongeth to judge of the true sense and interpretation of the Scripture, neither will I ever take and interpret them otherwise than according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

I also profess that there are truly and properly seven sacraments of the law, instituted by Jesus Christ our Lord, and necessary for salvation of mankind though not all for every one, to-wit: Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Orders and Matrimony, and that they confer grace; and that of these Baptism, Confirmation and Order, cannot be repeated without sacrilege.

I also receive and admit the received and approved ceremonies of the Catholic Church, used in the solemn administration of the aforesaid sacrament.

I embrace and receive all and every one of the things which have been defined and declared in Holy Council of the Trent concerning original sin and justification. I profess, likewise, that in mass there is offered to God a true, proper and propitiatory sacrament for the living and the dead, and that in the most holy sacrament of the Eucharist there is truly, really and substantially the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that there is made a conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the body and of the wine into the blood; which conversion the Catholic Church calleth transubstantiation. I also confess that under either kind alone Christ is received whole and entire and a true sacrament.

I constantly hold that there is a purgatory, and the souls detained therein are helped by the suffrage of faithful, likewise, that the saints reigning together with Christ are to be honored and invoked, and that they offer prayer to God for us, and their relics are to be held in veneration.

I most firmly assert that the images of Christ, of the Mother of God ever Virgin, and that due honor and veneration are to be given them, and that the use of them is most wholesome to Christian people. I acknowledge the Holy Catholic, Apostolic, Roman Church for the Mother and mistress of all Churches, and promise true obedience to the Bishop of Rome, successor of St. Peter, prince of the Apostles and Vicar of Jesus Christ. I likewise undoubtedly receive and profess all other things delivered, defined, and declared by the sacred canon and general council, and particularly by the Holy Council of Trent. . . . And I condemn, reject and anathematize all things contrary thereto, and all heresies which the Church hath condemned rejected and anathematized.

I, _____, do at this present freely profess and sincerely hold this true Catholic faith, out of which no one can be saved; and I promise most constantly to retain and confess the same entire and unviolated by God's assistance, to the end of my life.

ROMANISM IN SOUTH DAKOTA

Is in Healthy, Prosperous Condition—Bishop's Cunning and Diplomacy—Two Candidates for Governor.

Whitewood, S. D., Nov. 20.—Special to The Menace.—There are at least two strong men running in the gubernatorial race on the Roman Catholic prestige in South Dakota, both striving for the nomination on the Republican ticket. They are Geo. W. Egan, of Sioux Falls, and Loomis S. Cull, of Rapid City.

Egan has a mishapen pamphlet published at Sioux Falls which is the biggest factor in the fight to convince the state that Eganism is what they want for the next term. He has a good-sized crowd following among the dinky papers in the east part of the state; it is believed these are influenced largely by the Roman priests and Knights of Columbus working in the state.

Loomis Cull, of Rapid City, the other candidate, is making a silent but forceful campaign, and few of the people who are working for him know his purposes in making the race for governor. He is in a position to influence a great many of the papers in the land districts with his lame office legends and they run his notices gratis in view of getting pie from his office.

Those people who are aware that both these men are candidates for Rome's interest are at a loss to know which one of the two will receive the bulk of the support. Some think Egan and still others think Cull.

Bishop O'Gorman, of Aberdeen, is quoted to have said to a friend: "We want someone who will work for our interests. Egan is too much for Egan and not enough for us. We want no selfishness on the part of a candidate. They must give all to their church if they want our support." A great many people of the state think that the Catholic vote in South Dakota will be split and thus weakened, but they will find that the Catholics are not split up like the Protestants. They have a purpose and work unitedly in their efforts to achieve that purpose.

Egan makes no denial of the fact that he is a Romanist and is catering to their votes. In his campaign of the state two years ago he was generally introduced in the towns where there was a Roman church by the priest of the parish, and the priests and Columbus men in the towns put up his matter and helped rattle his audience prior to his visit.

Egan, who was superintendent of public instruction for the state in 1909, stated in an open letter to

the Lutherans of the state that there was a deep dyed conspiracy on the part of the church to get Egan in the governor's chair and then to directly or indirectly get at the schools. He charged that he would replace the various heads of schools (normals, high schools, and other public schools) by Catholics and that they in turn would discriminate until the discrimination would have reached the unit and the desired effect be produced upon the plastic child mind which was not brought up under the Catholic influence in the home. "By controlling the normal schools of the state," said Mr. Ustrud, "they will be producing the kind of teacher they want and with these they can flood the schools with pro-Catholic sentiment." Egan, then, makes no excuse as to his support and is identified with the people he expects to win by. He stands less show with the Americans than does the other candidate.

Cull is a very recent convert to the church and has been a blue lodge Mason for years and a member of the Church of England from childhood. He was taken into the church recently and almost directly after his remarkable conversion to the holy faith he became a candidate for the office of governor.

Bishop Busch Active

Archbishop Ireland came up to Lead a few months ago and, with all the hub-dub characteristic of the pagan church of the Tiber, installed Bishop Busch as Bishop of Lead. He is young and active and has lost no time in butting into nearly every line of business in the hills.

He protested openly at a Masonic corner stone laying in Butte county, at Belle Fourche, openly in all the principal papers, anything, "owing to the fact that a considerable portion of the taxpayers of the county of Butte are Catholic and that they cannot consistently attend said ceremony, we, the Catholics of the church of St. Paul of Belle Fourche, do hereby protest." They sent a copy of their miserable protest to the governor and President Taft. Busch said he would take the matter up with Ireland and Gibbons. Chas. Brockway, the state master laid the corner stone and everything went off in a smooth and systematic manner. The only effect the protest had was to swell the attendance of the ceremony so that a special train was run to accommodate the crowd.

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REACTIONARY CATHOLICISM

In 1907 the head of the Roman Catholic church, Pope Pius X, openly attacked Science. In an encyclical letter against Modernism he attempted to carry the world back to the time when there was a conflict between Theology and Science and to banish such portions of Science as do not conform to Roman Catholic theology. In this letter he says:

"Finally, We entrust to the Councils of Vigilance the duty of overlooking assiduously and diligently social institutions as well as writings on social questions so that they may harbor no trace of Modernism but obey prescriptions of the Roman Pontiff."

"It is our intention to establish by every means in our power a special institute in which, through the co-operation of those Catholics who are most eminent for their learning, the advancement of Science and every other department of knowledge may be taught under the GUIDANCE AND TEACHING OF CATHOLIC TRUTH."

—Modernism, by Sabatier, pp. 323, 345.

The meaning of "Catholic Truth" is shown in an earlier portion of the pope's letter. He speaks of the Catholic church "wherein truth is found without the slightest shadow of error." Just what that truth is is shown in his statement that "the scholastic method of philosophy" is insisted upon, also "the Authority and Tradition of the Fathers, and the Masterium (sovereignty) of the church." He further says: "We will and strictly ordain that scholastic philosophy be made the basis of the sacred Sciences."

It is certain that positive theology should be held in greater appreciation than it has been in the past. —Modernism by Sabatier, pp. 323, 327.

During 1909 the Papal Biblical Commission decreed among other things that the Roman Catholic teaching shall be that the physical body of Adam was made from dust.—The Independent of N. Y. City, 1909, pp. 606.

Democracy is the exact opposite of the form of government in the Roman Catholic church. In the pope's letter against Modernism he says: "They insist that both outwardly and inwardly (the church) must be brought into harmony with the modern conscience, which now tends toward democracy; a share in the ecclesiastical government should therefore be given to the lower ranks of the clergy and even to the laity, and authority which is too much concentrated should be decentralized." The pope is opposed to these demands.

On September 1, 1911, Pope Pius X issued a letter in which he reaffirmed his declarations against Modernism and supplies additional restrictions

and remedies, including a lengthy oath to be taken by the priests and by all others in authority within the church. Thus Modernism, which is Progressiveness, is fought by the Roman Catholic church.

This is the Truth which the present day Catholic schools are commanded to teach. To enforce this character of teachings there are Councils of Vigilance.

Such is the educational policy of the present day Roman Catholic church.

That the church is carrying on an equally reactionary warfare against Modernism in politics—Civil Government. The head of the Roman Catholic church in the United States, Cardinal Gibbons, has come out squarely, openly and officially against the movement for the restoration of the People's Rule—the Progressive cause. The Cardinal's statement and that of Archbishop Farley, of New York City, one week later, we have quoted.

These declarations are at a time when political campaigns are in progress in eleven states and the control of the next National Party Conventions is in the balance.

It is high time that the Anti-Catholic leaders shall plan to carry the issue to their co-workers. Catholic activity for the control of the government must be offset by Anti-Catholic activity else they will possess the balance of power. TEN PER CENT OF THE VOTES AND SOMETIMES EVEN THREE OR FIVE PER CENT IS A BALANCE OF POWER.

The Rocky Mountain News, of Denver, in its edition of Sunday, Nov. 5th, publishes a full page illustrated editorial entitled "Popery and Politics," written by George Creel. While it is rather conservative in many particulars it is well worth reading. It is at least a hopeful sign when the big dailies begin to see the cat. Write the News for a copy of this edition, and if they are not exhausted they will most likely send you one. Tell them why you want it.

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TWO PRIESTS ARRESTED

Very Evident From the Movement of Their Car That They Were not Thirsty.

Two clergymen, Rev. Joseph Folta, pastor of the Sacred Heart of Mary church, and Rev. John Radzowski, pastor of St. Joseph's church, were brought into the First precinct police station, by Motorcycle Patrolman Fred Raymond, last night. Raymond told Lieut. Bornbrock that he found the two clergymen driving an automobile without lights, in a reckless and dangerous manner. Woodward avenue and Bagge street. The officer said the car was zig-zagging from one side of the street to the other, and because they had no lights they had many narrow escapes from being struck by street cars and other automobiles.

The clergymen insisted that Bishop Foley be sent for, but when he arrived he was unable to get them to go to their homes. They declared that they intended to have the buttons of every officer in the station. They were finally released but their automobile was taken in charge by the police and will be held until this morning.—Detroit (Mich.) Free Press.

CATHOLIC ENCROACHMENT

From the Word and Way.

That Roman Catholicism is growing in numbers and political power in this "land of the free and home of the brave," there is left no room for doubt. Comparatively few people seem to be aware of the steady encroachment of this alien institution. Few seem to observe the lines of advance and the ulterior purpose of this religious hierarchy. Its purpose is to Romanize this country, and it moves toward its purpose and along political lines. Roman Catholic prelates are famous for political sagacity. In its relation to the Roman hierarchy, our country is weakened on its political side. Politicians are sometimes venal. In other words, politicians are politicians. There would be a great sensation and shaking up in our country if every loyal American citizen could know just how many men are elected and how many are defeated; what governmental policies are adopted and not adopted; what laws are enacted, defeated and annulled under influences that have their sources in the Vatican. Romanism works with a gloved hand. It always wears the mask of friendship.

Roman Catholics are making few converts in our country. Their influence in numbers is almost wholly from immigration. There is in this free country too much education and

general intelligence for the Catholic religion to gain converts. Catholicism as a religion is repugnant to a man who lives in the light and thinks. Its scheme is to gain power for the church through political manipulation. The capital for the pushing of this scheme is the Catholic vote. This is the prize held out to, and the power held over, the politician and the political parties. It is the Catholic vote that gives the Catholic church political prestige and power at our seat of government. It is the Catholic vote that wins for Cardinal Gibbons hospitable consideration at the White House. It was deference to the Catholic vote that took representatives of the three branches of our national government to Baltimore to the twenty-fifth anniversary of the cardinalate of Mr. Gibbons. The power of the Catholic vote accounts for what amounts to diplomatic relations between Washington City and the Vatican. Has not the pope a personal representative, called Apostolic Delegate, at our seat of government?

The Roman hierarchy has designs on America. It is losing out in Italy, France, Spain and other countries. It is using all of its intrigue and power to shift its seat of power to this country. The latest move in this direction is the appointment of two additional cardinals. Hitherto there has been but one; henceforth there are to be three. Archbishop John M. Farley of New York and William H. O'Connell of Boston are the newly appointed cardinals.

The Catholic vote is a menace to our country. How are the encroachments of this alien and hostile institution, under the impulse of the Catholic vote, to be met and stopped except by an organized anti-Catholic-American vote?

The parochial (Roman Catholic) school, in comparison with the public school, has relatively reduced and dwarfed the ability of the Irish race to gain a livelihood to such an extent that in the city of New York, from 1871 to 1875 inclusive, five years, the Department of Charities and Corrections cared for Irish paupers to the number of 98,787; while Americans there were only 63,178; of Germans, only 24,276; and of all other races only 17,563. In addition to this there were each year several thousand of the Irish race assisted by the charitable institutions of their church, of which we have no reliable data.

Rome turned her back on the truth and then declared it did not exist.